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In re Application of:)
Liu et al.)
Serial No.: 09/851,066)
Filing Date: May 7, 2001)
For: SEGMENTING INFORMATION)
RECORDS WITH MISSING)
VALUES USING MULTIPLE)
PARTITION TREES)

Examiner: LE, M.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks and enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.